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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated February 13, 2007 finally rejecting Claims 1-22,24,27-29,32 and 33 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on _____ for month(s).
2. ☐ A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in triplicate.
3. ☐ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
4. ☒ Fee \$500.00: for filing of Notice of Appeal
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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CRD-5051USNP/VJS.

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